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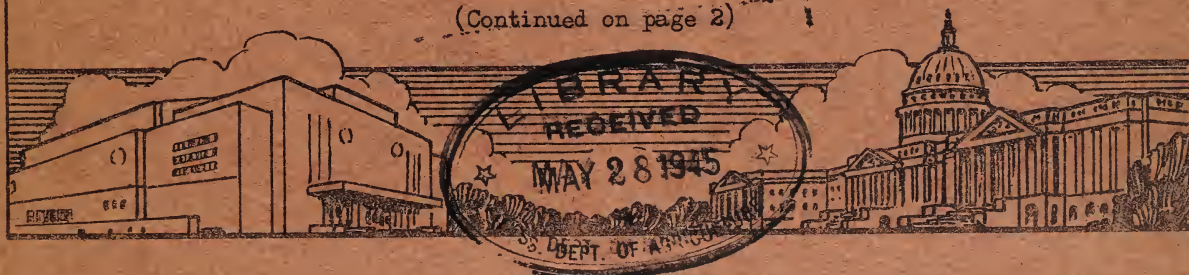
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NEWS FROM OUR FIGHTING MEN

Lt. Robert P. Beach. (Quantico, Va.) I'd heard that the Marines handed out pretty rough training - but I didn't fully appreciate the meaning of the word "rough." Sometimes we hit the deck at 5:30, rush down to the Company parade and wave our rifles around for 15 or 20 minutes for "physical exercise," dash back up the ladder and make our bunks, swab the deck, and get everything in order, and have breakfast over by 6:30. Quite a lot of our battle problems are under fire - live fire.....The next 2 weeks are to be "corkers." We will make a daylight landing - under fire - and a night landing - also under fire.....When you hit the beach you keep your head down, or else! We've blown up bridges, blown down trees, blown craters in roads, and eliminated barbed wire entanglements with high explosives. We are supposed to be quite proficient on demolitions. Tyrone Power was with the bunch on that problem. He's just as homely as the rest of us, and a good Marine.

Richard A. DeSousa. (c/o Postmaster, New York City) Well, I've gone and done it. Hied me on the nearest canoe, rowed myself across the ocean in a very satisfactory manner without so much as splashing a paddle and no trouble at all with woodticks or the like. Of course I managed to get my finery and brass buttons (Warrant Officer's rating) the last minute but it sure saved the day for me.....Africa is a most intriguing joint - wish I could give you all the details of things here but the powers that be say nay, nay, so must be satisfied with a few commonplaces. Am glad I know a foreign language or two because it has helped me to get by much easier. Have been terrifically busy and what with having to get everything done in daylight hours and trying to save what little sight I have left from candlelight, I can manage to eke out only a few moments for myself.

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NEWS FROM OUR FIGHTING MEN
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Cpl. Elbert R. Sisson. (Gulfport, Miss.) This is a belated thank-you note for the gift of a sum of money you sent me some time ago....The money came in very handy in financing a furlough last March. On that furlough, by the way, I made the acquaintance of my son, Richard Elbert, born Feb. 28, 1943....I was first assigned to the 2nd Inf. Div., Fort Sam Houston, Texas, early in October. When the Division moved to Camp McCoy, I moved with it of course. In January, I was transferred to the Army Air Force Technical Training Command at Miami Beach, Fla., and am at present located at Gulfport Field, Gulfport, Miss. I am working as an interviewer in the Classification Department.

1st Lt. Henry C. Evanier. (North Africa) Your letter and Christmas check did not catch up with me until April 18. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your thoughtfulness and assure you of my appreciation....I want to say that it surely will be appreciated to receive the Club paper so that we may know of what is going on and what our friends are doing.

Pvt. Albert J. Mattern. (Jefferson Barracks, Mo.) Thank you very much for sending me the "Grapevine"....As usual, our Farm Credit Club is doing a fine job by making those who are in service feel that while they may be away still they are not forgotten.

1st Lt. Walter L. Rader. (Camp Claiborne, La.) I received your money order for a Christmas present....Even though it was delayed it was really appreciated....I hear quite frequently from some of the old gang. If you have not heard from Joe Galloway of Duplicating lately, you may like to know that the last time that I heard from him he was at Ft. Benning, Ga., and was a 2nd Lt. in the Infantry. Also Mr. Weigandt of the Revolving Fund Section is at the New River Ordnance Plant in

Pulaskie, Va., and is a Major. As for myself, I have been promoted to First Lieutenant and am adjutant of the 6th Provisional Battalion of the Engineer Unit Training Center at Camp Claiborne, La....I would like to hear from any and all of you. I will do my best to answer any letter that I might receive.

Pvt. Kenneth Rice. (Hammer Field, Fresno, Calif.) Received my copies of the "Grapevine" and certainly was glad to get them. I was sent to the Replacement Depot at Hammer Field where my classification was gone over and am now waiting for shipment. While we are waiting we were shipped up in the mountain to a small camp to receive 2 weeks training on the rifle. This camp is known as "Squaw Valley" and is rather isolated, so for 2 weeks we don't have a chance to go to town at all. It's at times like these that you appreciate getting the "Grapevine," and still be able to keep up with the news back home.

Pfc. Bill Finley. (Dalhart, Texas) Have intended to write several times before this, but it seems that in the Army, there is always something turning up that has priorities over a fellow's intentions. I'm able to keep a pretty close check on FCA goings-on through the "Grapevine" and am certainly grateful to the Farm Credit Club for sending it. There certainly are a lot of changes taking place, but I guess it's that way with any organization now. Hope to be back with FFMC after this is all over.

BIOGRAPHY OF DR. GOLDBERGER

The New York Times Book Review, (Farm Credit Library) page 8, issue of June 6, 1943, contains a review of a biography of Dr. Joseph Goldberger which many employees who know his son, B. H. Goldberger, will enjoy reading. Dr. Goldberger's greatest achievement was discovery of the cause and cure of pellagra. The Club library is purchasing the biography, "Trail to Light," by Robert P. Parsons.

INVITATION TO HOBBYISTS

The Hobby Show Committee has received the following communication from The Heart of America Hobby Association:

"Dear Miss Padden:

The Heart of America Hobby Association, a group of Kansas City men and women, who meet once a month to "ride their hobbies," wish to extend through you an invitation to the members of the Farm Credit Club to attend our meetings.

Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month in the Hotel Phillips at 8 p.m. Our next meeting will be Monday, June 21, 1943. We sincerely hope that some of your group will find it convenient to attend.

Very sincerely,

HEART OF AMERICA HOBBY ASSN."

CORRECTION!

The "Grapevine" acknowledges receipt of the following memo from Joe Munroe: "A letter just received from Captain Horace A. Lake reads in part as follows:

'Will you ask Bill Harris, or whoever edits that Bulletin, for God's sake don't call me "Harold."'"

(The editors will be sorry about this mistake when and if they can stop laughing at Hal's exposition of the way to write a letter that is "complete - concise - clear - correct" - etc.)

LIMITED CLUB MEMBERSHIP

In response to numerous requests, arrangements have been made to mail the "Grapevine" upon purchase of a limited membership in the Club. The limited membership fee is 50 cents. Limited memberships will be sold to former employees who desire to keep in touch with their friends by this means.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CONSIDERING CANDIDATES

The Nominating Committee of the Farm Credit Club: Lowell Collins, Chairman, E. Anthony, Gray Hume, and Joe Munroe, members, is currently considering candidates for nomination as officers and directors of the Farm Credit Club. Members of the Club are urged to call or write any member of the committee to suggest candidates for consideration.

TOURNAMENTS CLOSE BRIDGE SEASON

Members of the elementary class in contract bridge closed their season with a tournament last Tuesday evening in room 2941. Six tables of players enjoyed five rounds of spirited bridge under the "revised" Culbertson systems. Prizes for high scores were won by the following in the order named: Marie Fuhr, Jewel Hill, Leona Holland, Cecelia Jacobs, Ruby Hanson, and Lila Stefan. The lucky winners of door prizes included Mary Hague, Mary Nolz, and Lila Stefan, and Grace McGerr walked away with the consolation. A delightful social evening closed with refreshments and music.

High score winners at the tournament for advanced players last Wednesday evening were: Alice Snuffer, Marie Fuhr, and Nita Wells. The door prizes went to Eleanor Ferguson, Nita Wells, and Mary Kindred, and the consolation to Delphine Beirne. (KCT)

CREDIT UNION NOTES

Fourteen persons joined the credit union last month, making a total membership of more than 600....Mr. Henry Key, member of the board of directors, is back on the job again after his recent illness.... Surplus funds of the credit union were invested recently in three Federal savings and loan associations in the Nation's Capital -- two in D.C., and one in Virginia. (MP)

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THEY KNEW ALL THE ANSWERS--ALMOST

Air waves crackled last Sunday night as FCA employees of Kansas City and St. Louis met in a battle of wits on the WDAF-KMOX sponsored "Quiz of Two Cities." To the complete satisfaction of their listening adherents, and the cheers of a small but enthusiastic studio audience, the Kansas City experts came through the brain-busting barrage with flying colors, downing their game but outclassed opponents by a score of 173 to 140.

For the winners, high individual honors went to quiz-whiz Persis Gray, the only member of either team to secure a perfect score. Mary Kindred and Ben Russell answered their jack pot questions correctly, but each missed one of the other questions.

Hottest contestant at the WDAF microphone was Gordon "Sunkist" Smith, whose glowing tomato tan was the envy of Announcer Bill Shipley. Smith, basking in the anchor-man position, breezed through his first two questions easily, only to fall with a dull and embarrassing thud when asked to name the two masters of ceremony and the announcer on the "Quiz of Two Cities" program.

Toughest question of the evening: In 25 seconds, name the days of the week in alphabetical order. (HTM)

FCA SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN



New FCA Employees to Service:

Kearney, John Francis	Short, Ellis, 3rd
Schafer, Margaret M.	Beach, Robert P.
Steffey, Robert L.	Bird, Ira E.
Castles, Ira C., Jr.	James, Paul E.
Jukofsky, Herman	

TOTAL - 159

Strictly Personal



General Files. Miss Connor spent a few days in Trenton, Missouri....Mrs. Ruth is in Petersburg, Florida, with her husband....Mary Mahoney is in Washington visiting her sister and old friends....Pearl Ferguson will leave soon for a visit in Va....Miss Preinkert is spending her vacation in Washington....Miss Lane is also vacationing....Miss Bursell has returned from Oklahoma and Texas....Mrs. Fleming has returned after a visit with her son in Arizona....Eva Jean Flick left for her home in Buffalo....Mr. Cease is spending his vacation with his parents in Pennsylvania....Peggy Smith is happy these days, her mother is here from New York.

Stenographic Section. Mrs. Violet Heim returned to work June 2 from an extended absence of 5 months....Mrs. Ella Nicholas reported for work June 7 after an absence of 3 months. She reports her husband greatly improved....Maurine Kavanaugh

spent a 2-week vacation in Manhattan, Kans....Marian Rothberg was married Saturday, June 12, to I. Paul Stolov....The bride and groom are spending a 2-week vacation in Hot Springs, Arkansas....Mary Ellen Coles' brother, who is a Pfc. in the army, was in K.C. visiting Mary Ellen and her mother.

Examination. Lillian Trunnell was surprised by a visit from her nephew, Cpl. Raymond Noyes, and a friend from Camp Breckenridge, Ky....Leone Coffee has returned from a pleasant trip to Sioux City, Omaha, and other points north....Mildred Oesterling, who left K.C. last July, is doing important war work down on a farm in Virginia.

Central Office Accounting. Cecilia Jacobs spent several days visiting friends at Salina, Kans....Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Mehaffy spent a week with relatives in Iowa....Leona Holland returned to work after a very enjoyable vacation in Calif. with a stop-over at the Grand Canyon....Margaret and Irene Ellefson made a trip to their home in Garretson, S. D. to see their brothers, Lloyd and Leonard, home on furlough from North Africa and California....Isabelle Williams is recuperating from an operation at Research Hospital....Mrs. Dorothy Martin is spending a week with her husband, Pvt. Harry Martin, formerly of the Mortgage Corporation Service Division, now in camp with the Army Air Corps at Sioux Falls, S. D.

Economic & Credit Research. Ira C. Castles was inducted into the Army on May 24 and reported for duty at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., on June 2.

Cooperative. It is nice to see Wilma Atkinson back on the job after her long illness....Rosella Reiff had a week's vacation with her family in Iowa....Ernest Sanders, of the Seabees, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Sanders....Kay Price has returned from Kansas, where she
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ATTENTION BOWLERS

We have been advised that unless we notify the various bowling establishments soon as to our plans to form leagues for the fall and winter season, we will be unable to obtain alleys. All women interested in bowling should contact Mary Jane McGee. All men should contact Andy Morrison. It is urgent that we receive all names as soon as possible so we will know how many teams we will have in each league.

VACATION SERVICE

If you want to go "Ozarkin," pamphlets concerning rates and accommodations at the Lake of the Ozarks and Lake Taneycomo may be obtained from the Vacation Information Committee. Information on other vacation spots is also available. Call Zelina Ahern, room 1411, extension 216.
(ZAA)

FREE MOTION PICTURES

June 22 - Amazing America - Grandest travelogue ever of our own country, from coast to coast, starting in New York and terminating in San Francisco. Even though gasoline is rationed, train travel congested and uncertain, and money needed for income tax, you still can have a transcontinental vacation during one lunch period.

June 29 - Target for Tonight - A thrilling picture of our aviation corps in action. Don't miss this one - extra special.

Reserve Tuesdays, either at 12:15 or 1 p.m. Come, bring your lunch and enjoy a show. (MAF)

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spent a week.

Finance & Accounts. In spite of the Flood, Marion T. Murphy spent a few days with her husband in Temple, Tex., being stranded 12 hours on her return trip.... William Eckstein vacationed from May 29 through June 12.... Norman Lipscomb also vacationed from May 29 through June 5.... Lorraine, Bernice, and Yvonne Meuers spent their vacation in Minnesota.... Verna Brewer's sister, Mrs. J. D. Prater visited here last week.... Hazel Putnam is spending her vacation in Topeka, Kansas.

Land Bank. Susie Murrell carried through her plans for a wedding with a bang. How she accomplished so much on such short notice amazes us, but she even found time to pilot Lt. Bill around FCA the day before the big event. We wish we might all have attended the lovely wedding at Country Club Methodist where Susie's father not only gave her away but married the young couple. Representatives from Land Bank included Mr. & Mrs. Roy Hendrix, Mary Louise Smith, Flo Eifert, Frances Kruse, and John Muilman. Arlene Donason was candle lighter in the ceremony. The couple left for Fort Dix, N. J., where Bill is presently stationed.... The 1000-corridor girls had a combined farewell party for Edna Woods and Mary Markel at the Phillips' About Town, preceded by toasts in the Tropics. Blue beribboned packages at either end of the dinner table blended with a breath-taking centerpiece of blue delphinium and pink carnations.... Edna is transferring to Cooperative Research and Service Division in Washington, D.C.. Mary is transferring to the Great Bend Army Air Base in Kansas and will commute daily from her home in Hoisington (Barton County). What with Susie, Edna, and Mary all leaving us in one week, we're still a bit dazed. Stefi replaces Edna in Mr. Colvin's office, and Marjorie Hinds takes over the Markel-

Stefan jobs in 1054.... Helen Limke entertained a 1-day guest from Washington, D.C., a former roommate of hers. We had to hold Helen's skirts to prevent her from going on to Texas with Grace.... It's nice seeing H. H. Key around again after his 2 weeks' leave for a tonsillectomy.... We were almost as thrilled as was Lucille Holmes when she returned from lunch on the 10th and found in her IN box a huge bouquet of roses from Blake in remembrance of their fifth wedding anniversary.... There were some extra heartbeats among the girls when West Point Cadet Barney Schneckloth, Jr., stopped at FCA to visit some of his father's friends.... Cadet Clarence Kongs, looking mighty hefty these days, says hello. Spurred on by a phone call, Kenny Lowe dashed down to Union Station and saw Clarence before he left on the next train for his air base in Oklahoma.

Personnel. Katherine Delany is visiting her parents in Ormond Beach, Florida.... Betty Spivey went to Chillicothe, Missouri last week-end to see some school friends.... Virginia Baker's sister, Lucille, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa spent several days here en route to California.... Lena Sanders returned from her vacation in Holland, Michigan, wearing a beautiful solitaire. The lucky Lieutenant is Gordon Vanden Brink of Camp Cooke, California.... Martha Sparks left this week to spend her vacation in Fort Worth, Dallas, and Houston, Texas.... Mildred Quimby, who has returned to Washington, was the guest of honor at a surprise dinner party given by some of her friends last Saturday evening at the Green Parrott Inn.

Chief Clerk's Office. Doris Eyth drove to her home in Topeka for the week-end. She had as her guest Elsie Ferguson.

Library. Bernice Nilson became an assistant in both the legal and general sections of the library June 1. She is a graduate of the University of Kansas City and has studied law.. Mrs. Pressgrove spent a

few days last week in Chicago visiting relatives and friends.

Planning. Cigars were being passed out so fast and the smoke was so thick June 11 that gas masks were needed in order to enter this section. Charles G. Lockwood is the "proud paw" of a baby girl....Mrs. Mildred Jones has a new exemption for 1943 income tax - it's a boy - Allan Francis.

OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER

Elbert W. Smith has been in Washington (working hard) for the past week. We caught a brief glimpse of Mr. Droste the other day - seems as though St. Louis agrees with him - he looked fine. S. U. Baxter is back in D.C. again, while Val Sherman and Leonard Conyers departed for points south and west on field trips. Larry Mann, after recuperating from injuries received while "victory-gardening," donated a pint of blood to the plasma bank - and he looks as though he will live through same....To those old D.C. residents who don't get the Washington Post I'm quoting herewith some of the "bureaucratese" from Kluttz' column: "JOB DESCRIPTION - a written statement outlining what you wish your job would be. RESEARCH - taking credit for work done by others in proving something we've known all along. SUPERVISION - keeping two or more clerks busy enough to look as if they are working. ECONOMIST - Can make a simple subject complex; a complex subject simple - in other words, an economist is simply simple" and so on and on....Have been wondering if the "old breeze" still blows and blows!!*out there - we sure could have used some when D.C. was sweltering last week.

RETURN YOUR "GRAPEVINES"

Don't forget, after reading your "Grapevine" drop it in the out-box for collection by messengers. Copies go to service men and women and to others who desire copies for friends.

WILLY

Dere Ma,

Well, Ma, here I am out in the feeld again. Everbudy in the office was sure sorry to see me go because I heerd one of the fellers say "It's too bad Willy has to leave the office and go out and impose himself on those feeld people." You know, Ma, I don't know when I've had sech a nice complement -- I never dreamed that them Farm Credit people thought I was such an imposing person!

It is shure wet like Spring instead of dry like Summer. Of course, sim people has been having a little trouble with the mud. And sumhow where there's people having trouble there I am. It's like this, Ma---

I was out walkin the other day and I sees this nice girl standing on a corner just gazin down at a great big mud puddle, and I could just tell by looking at the expression on her face that she was most unhappy at the thought of spoilin them pretty shoes she had on with no toes in em, so I just walks up to her and thought I'd suprise her by carryin her across that mud hole. So I up and totes her across, and you won't believe it, Ma, but that ungraitful female when I puts her down turns around and shoves me in that puddle. This ain't no age to be shivverous in -- all I got out of bein shivverous was a case of the shivers, because even if it is Summer now, it's kinda cold when you get wet.

And another thing that maikes me so mad Ma. You remember them purple plaid pants you made me out of that nice wool horse blanket. Well, theyre shore ruined -- they kinda shrunk. I guess, Ma, I'll have to send them home and you kin give em back to the horse -- they oughta fit the new colt bettern they do me.

Yore loving son

Willy

NEW STENOGRAPHER

I have a new stenographer. She came to work today.
She told me that she wrote the Graham System;
Two hundred words a minute seemed to her, she said, like play.
And word for word at that - she never missed 'em.
I gave her some dictation - a letter to a man -
And this, as I remember it, was how the letter ran:

"Dear Sir: I have your favor, and in reply would state
That I accept the offer in yours of recent date.
I wish to say, however, that under no condition
Can I afford to think of your free lance proposition.
I shall begin tomorrow to turn the matter out,
The copy should be ready by August 10th about.
Material of this nature should not be rushed unduly.
Thanking you for the favor, I am
yours very truly."

She took it down in shorthand with apparent ease and grace -
She didn't call me back all in a flurry.
Thought I, "At last I have a girl worth keeping 'round the place!"
Then said, "Now write it out. You need'n't hurry."
The Remington she tackled. Now and then she struck a key.
And after thirty minutes this is what she handed me!

"Dear Sir, I have a feeveer and for a while I sit
And I except the favor as you have reasoned it.
I wish to see, however, that under any condition
Can i for to think of a free lunch proposition."

I shall be in tomorrow to turn your mother out,
The cap will be red and will cost Ten, about.
Material of this nation should not rust. N. Dooley.
Thinking you for the feeveer, I am
yours very truly!"
(From the collection of JMS)

THE ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC WELL GUARDED

Commissioner Sanders has two sons in the U. S. Armed Forces. Cpl. Glenn has been fighting the Axis with the 70th Tank Battalion in North Africa and has helped finish the job. Ernest (Ernie), who is with the Stevedore Battalion of the Seabees, was in the office this week and said that he is on the way to the Pacific. He said that his brother was guarding one side of the globe so he was "rarin'" to help on the other ocean. (AED)

WAR LABOR COMMITTEE

T. L. Piper has been appointed Chairman of the Farm Credit Club War Labor Committee to help volunteers contact farmers for vacation and holiday work. The Committee will also serve employees who wish to perform after-hour work in war industries.

PICTURES OF CLUB FUNCTIONS OBTAINABLE

A copy of any picnic, bridge class, hiking, banquet, Red Cross, or hobby show picture, size 8" x 10" may be obtained through Farm Credit Club arrangement for 35¢. Call Ext. 73, Employee Relations Unit.

SURPLUS VICTORY GARDEN VEGETABLES

The Victory Garden Committee is working on a plan for distribution of surpluses among employees. Watch for their report.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GROUP RIDERS

Anyone living north of North Kansas City on or near Highway No. 169, interested in group riding, call Gordon Finley, Ext.390.

MUSIC HOUR

Remember the hour of recorded music every Thursday, 12:15 - 1:15, in room 2941.
Bring your own records and join in.